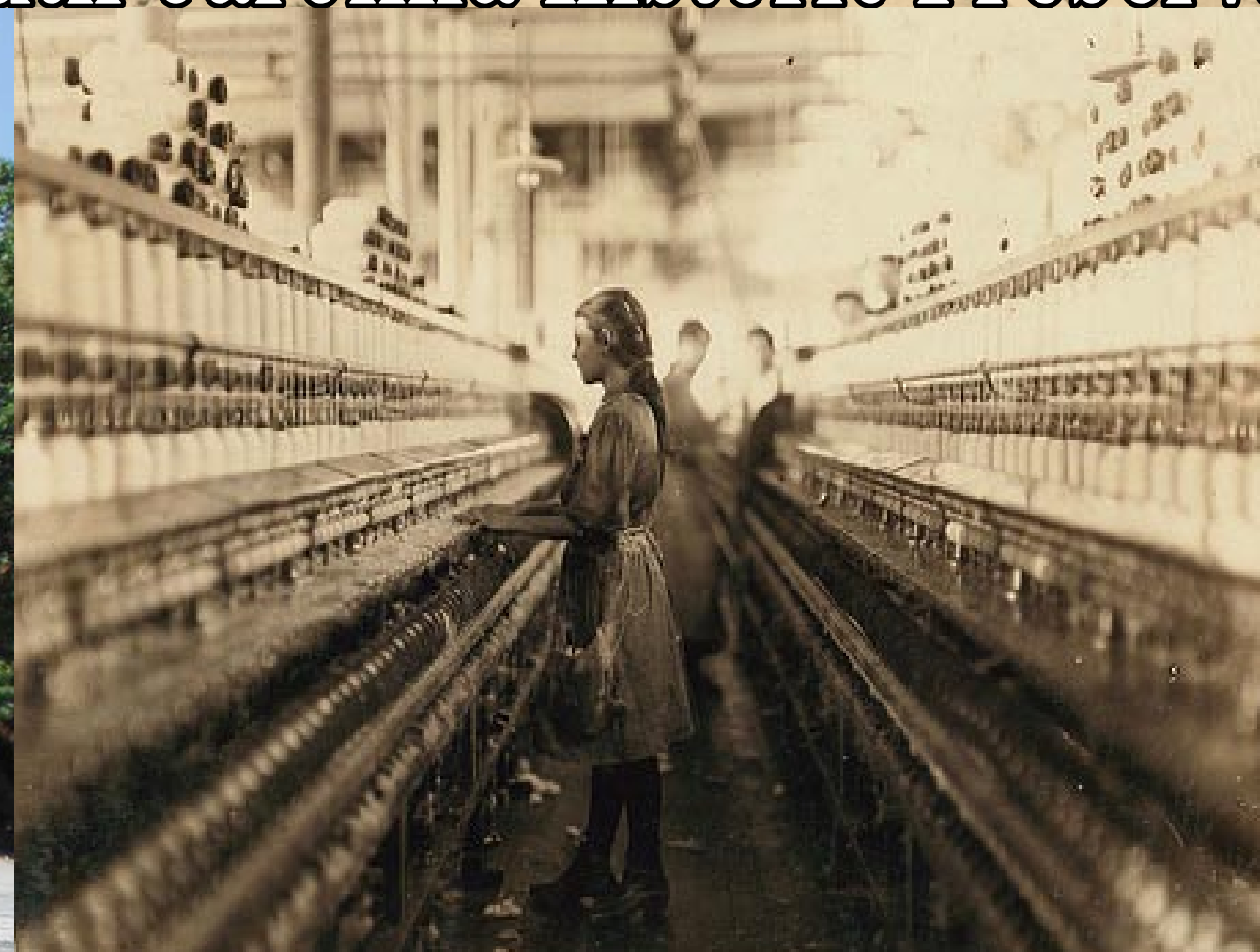


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Grendel Mills opened in Greenwood, SC in 1897. The panoramic photograph above shows the rebuilding of the mill sometime in 1923 after a boiler room explosion. Many of the people pictured were probably just one generation out of slavery.

The *Index-Journal* carried the story of the explosion for several days in May 1923 before the graver news of the Cleveland School fire in Kershaw County captured their headline.

The most prominent building in the photo is the mill office building. It stands empty now, but its silhouetted bay window is still easily recognizable.

Operations continued until 1946 when the Courtenay Manufacturing Company merged with Anderson Cotton Mills, Panola Mills, and Grendel Mills to form a corporation called Abney Mills.

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